



January 24, 2023

Sandi Osterholme
John Day Water District
PO Box 1317
Astoria, OR 97103

RE: Notice of failure to correct significant deficiencies at the John Day Water District public water system

Records indicate John Day Water District owns and operates the public water system (hereinafter "Water System"), identified by public water system ID# OR4100060 and serving homes and businesses near the John Day River and Highway 30, east of Astoria, Oregon. John Day Water District (hereinafter "Water Supplier") is therefore a water supplier as defined in ORS 448.115(12) and OAR 333-061-0020(150) and has specific responsibilities as defined in OAR 333-061-0025.

The Water System is subject to regulation according to the Oregon Drinking Water Quality Act (Oregon Revised Statutes 448.115 to 448.290) and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 333-061-0005 through OAR 333-061-0272.

OAR 333-061-0076(5) requires water suppliers to correct significant deficiencies identifying during sanitary surveys or to comply with an approved corrective action schedule. The Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services (DWS) reviewed the operation of the Water System and found that three significant deficiencies remain uncorrected following two consecutive sanitary surveys:

1. Failure to maintain a coliform sampling plan;
2. Failure to submit a cross connection annual summary report; and
3. Failure to submit annual test results for backflow prevention assemblies.

Water Supplier has not reported that these deficiencies were corrected by the specified due dates, following the surveys conducted on November 14, 2014 and August 18, 2017

respectively. Water Supplier is therefore not in compliance with OAR 333-061-0076(5) and not meeting its responsibilities as a water supplier.

Please submit written verification to bradley.k.daniels@oha.oregon.gov within 30 days of the date of this notice, demonstrating that these deficiencies were corrected.

If Water Supplier does not comply with the deadline specified in this letter, the continued non-compliance may result in additional enforcement action, which could include the assessment of civil penalties in the amount of \$250 for every distinct rule violation and for every day the Water System is in violation of a rule as prescribed by OAR 333-061-0090. Contact me at bradley.k.daniels@oha.oregon.gov or (503) 735-5438 if you have any questions about the compliance action specified in this letter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brad K. Daniels". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B".

Brad K. Daniels

Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services

cc: Pete Farrelly, Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services
Meredith Reiley, Clatsop County Environmental Public Health